

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires an election of one of two species, namely:

Species I shown in Figure 2; or

Species II shown in Figure 9.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Species I.

Applicant submits, however, that all the claims, namely Claims 1-27, read on the elected species. To this end, Applicant notes that the species depicted in Figure 9 includes all of the elements depicted in Figure 2, including the magnification change/repeat circuit 114. Figure 9 further includes a magnification change/repeat circuit 1001 to continuously output stored image data the number of times of repeat in a sub scan direction. See specification, page 71, line 14 - page 72, line 2. None of the claims of the present application, however, are solely directed to the embodiment depicted in Figure 9. Hence, all of Claims 1-27 are readable on the broader species depicted in Figure 2.

In sum, Applicant elects Species I as shown in Figure 2, reading on Claims 1-27.

If, however, the Examiner disagrees with Applicant's identification of the claims readable on Species I, Applicant wishes, to prosecute at this time the invention recited in Claims 12-27, to the extent the Examiner determines that Species I reads on these claims.

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